

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1, 4, 5 and 6, cited prior arts do not teach or suggest claimed limitations as following: *"An image display device having a group of pixels arranged in a matrix in a predetermined array and assigned to three primary colors, and having a signal line connected for each column of the group of pixels, wherein pixel data of three primary colors are successively supplied for each color to a corresponding signal line during a period excluding a blanking period of one horizontal scanning period constituted by a line display period for the color display of one pixel line, and wherein a select switch is connected to each of the signal lines, and a precharging control circuit is connected to the select switch, the precharging control circuit supplies permission pulses for the supply of data to signal lines when making them display one color among three primary colors in the line display period to the select switch of the corresponding signal line to turn the same on, turns on the select switch of the signal line corresponding to another color to be displayed later in the same line display period during a period of supply of permission pulses of the supply of data with a precharge pulse having a time duration shorter than the supply time of the pixel data of the other color, and precharges the signal line of the other color in advance to a predetermined potential."*

Dependent claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 are also allowed due to its further limiting claimed subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUK CHOW whose telephone number is (571)270-1544. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-6 M-TH E.T..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amare Mengistu can be reached on 571 272-7674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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